LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE BILL 526

Introduced by Connealy, 16; Cunningham, 40; Synowiecki, 7

Read first time January 14, 2005

Committee: Revenue

A BILL

- FOR AN ACT relating to ethanol; to amend sections 66-1344,

 66-1344.01, 66-1345, 66-1345.01, and 66-1519, Revised

 Statutes Supplement, 2004; to provide an ethanol

 production tax incentive; to change an excise tax rate;

 to transfer funds; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal

 the original sections.
- 7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

(1) Beginning June 1, 2000, during such period

Section 1. Section 66-1344, Revised Statutes Supplement,

2 2004, is amended to read:

66-1344.

3

20

21

22

23

4 as funds remain in the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund, any 5 ethanol facility shall receive a credit of seven and one-half cents 6 per gallon of ethanol, before denaturing, for new production for a 7 period not to exceed thirty-six consecutive months. For purposes 8 of this subsection, new production means production which results 9 from the expansion of an existing facility's capacity by at least 10 two million gallons first placed into service after June 1, 1999, as certified by the facility's design engineer to the Department of 11 12 Revenue. For expansion of an existing facility's capacity, new 13 production means production in excess of the average of the highest 14 three months of ethanol production at an ethanol facility during 15 the twenty-four-month period immediately preceding certification of 16 the facility by the design engineer. No credits shall be allowed 17 under this subsection for expansion of an existing facility's 18 capacity until production is in excess of twelve times the 19 three-month average amount determined under this subsection during

be earned on or before December 31, 2003.

(2) (a) Beginning January 1, 2002, any new ethanol
facility which is in production at the minimum rate of one hundred
thousand gallons annually for the production of ethanol, before
denaturing, and which has provided to the Department of Revenue

any twelve-consecutive-month period beginning no sooner than June

Revenue based on such ethanol production records as may be

necessary to reasonably determine new production. This credit must

New production shall be approved by the Department of

written evidence substantiating that the ethanol facility has 1 2 received the requisite authority fromthe Department of 3 Environmental Quality and from the United States Department of 4 Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, on or 5 before June 30, 2004, shall receive a credit of eighteen cents per gallon of ethanol produced for ninety-six consecutive months 6 7 beginning with the first calendar month for which it is eligible to 8 receive such credit and ending not later than June 30, 2012, if the 9 facility is defined by subdivision (b)(i) of this subsection, and 10 for forty-eight consecutive months beginning with the first 11 calendar month for which it is eligible to receive such credit and 12 ending not later than June 30, 2008, if the facility is defined by 13 subdivision (b)(ii) of this subsection. The new ethanol facility 14 shall provide an analysis to the Department of Revenue of samples 15 of the product collected according to procedures specified by the 16 department no later than July 30, 2004, and at least annually 17 thereafter. The analysis shall be prepared by an independent International 18 laboratory meeting the Organization 19 Standardization standard ISO/IEC 17025:1999. Prior to collecting 20 the samples, the new ethanol facility shall notify the department 21 which may observe the sampling procedures utilized by the new 22 ethanol facility to obtain the samples to be submitted for 23 independent analysis. The minimum rate shall be established for a 24 period of at least thirty days. In this regard, the new ethanol 25 facility must produce at least eight thousand two hundred nineteen 26 gallons of ethanol within a thirty-day period. The ethanol must be 27 finished product which is ready for sale to customers.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, new ethanol facility

28

1 means a facility for the conversion of grain or other raw feedstock

- 2 into ethanol and other byproducts of ethanol production which (i)
- 3 is not in production on or before September 1, 2001, or (ii) has
- 4 not received credits prior to June 1, 1999. A new ethanol facility
- 5 does not mean an expansion of an existing ethanol plant that does
- 6 not result in the physical construction of an entire ethanol
- 7 processing facility or which shares or uses in a significant manner
- 8 any existing plant's systems or processes and does not include the
- 9 expansion of production capacity constructed after June 30, 2004,
- 10 of a plant qualifying for credits under this subsection. This
- 11 definition applies to contracts entered into after April 16, 2004.
- 12 (c) Not more than fifteen million six hundred twenty-five
- 13 thousand gallons of ethanol produced annually at an ethanol
- 14 facility shall be eligible for credits under this subsection. Not
- 15 more than one hundred twenty-five million gallons of ethanol
- 16 produced at an ethanol facility by the end of the
- 17 ninety-six-consecutive-month period or
- 18 forty-eight-consecutive-month period set forth in this subsection
- 19 shall be eligible for credits under this subsection.
- 20 (3)(a) Beginning January 1, 2006, any new ethanol
- 21 facility which is in production at the minimum rate of two million
- 22 gallons annually for the production of ethanol, before denaturing,
- 23 and which has provided to the Department of Revenue written
- 24 evidence substantiating that the ethanol facility has received the
- 25 requisite authority from the Department of Environmental Quality
- 26 and from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of
- 27 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, on or before June 30,
- 28 2009, shall receive a credit of eight cents per gallon of ethanol

1 produced for seventy-two consecutive months beginning with the

- 2 first calendar month for which it is eligible to receive such
- 3 credit and ending not later than June 30, 2015. Before receiving a
- 4 credit, the new ethanol facility shall provide an analysis to the
- 5 Department of Revenue of samples of the product collected according
- 6 to procedures specified by the department. Credits will not be
- 7 allowed if the samples fail to meet the industry standard for
- 8 ethanol. The new ethanol facility must produce at least one
- 9 hundred sixty-four thousand three hundred eighty-four gallons of
- 10 ethanol within a thirty-day period. The ethanol must be finished
- 11 product which is ready for sale to customers.
- 12 (b) For purposes of this subsection, new ethanol facility
- 13 means a facility for the conversion of grain or other raw feedstock
- 14 into ethanol and other byproducts of ethanol production which is
- 15 not in production on or before the effective date of this act. A
- 16 new ethanol facility does not mean an expansion of an existing
- 17 ethanol plant that does not result in the physical construction of
- 18 an entire ethanol processing facility or which shares or uses in a
- 19 significant manner any existing plant's systems or processes.
- 20 (c) Not more than twelve million five hundred thousand
- 21 gallons of ethanol produced annually at an ethanol facility shall
- 22 be eligible for credits under this subsection. Not more than
- 23 seventy-five million gallons of ethanol produced at an ethanol
- 24 facility by the end of the seventy-two-consecutive-month period set
- 25 forth in this subsection shall be eligible for credits under this
- 26 subsection.
- 27 (4) The credits described in this section shall be given
- 28 only for ethanol produced at a plant in Nebraska at which all

1 fermentation, distillation, and dehydration takes place. No credit

- 2 shall be given on ethanol produced for or sold for use in the
- 3 production of beverage alcohol. Not more than ten million gallons
- 4 of ethanol produced during any twelve-consecutive-month period at
- 5 an ethanol facility shall be eligible for the credit described in
- 6 subsection (1) of this section. The credits described in this
- 7 section shall be in the form of a nonrefundable, transferable motor
- 8 vehicle fuel tax credit certificate. No transfer of credits will
- 9 be allowed between the ethanol producer and motor vehicle fuel
- 10 licensees who are related parties.
- 11 (4) (5) Ethanol production eligible for credits under
- 12 this section shall be measured by a device approved by the Division
- 13 of Weights and Measures of the Department of Agriculture.
- 14 Confirmation of approval by the division shall be provided by the
- 15 ethanol facility at the time the initial claim for credits provided
- 16 under this section is submitted to the Department of Revenue and
- 17 annually thereafter. Claims submitted by the ethanol producer
- 18 shall be based on the total number of gallons of ethanol produced,
- 19 before denaturing, during the reporting period measured in gross
- 20 gallons.
- 21 (6) The Department of Revenue shall prescribe an
- 22 application form and procedures for claiming credits under this
- 23 section. In order for a claim for credits to be accepted, it must
- 24 be filed by the ethanol producer within three years of the date the
- 25 ethanol was produced or by September 30, 2012 2015, whichever
- 26 occurs first. The initial application form shall be accompanied by
- 27 a five-thousand-dollar application fee which shall be credited to
- 28 the Ethanol Production Incentive Fund.

1

28

(7) (6) Every producer of ethanol shall maintain records

2 similar to those required by section 66-487. The ethanol producer 3 must maintain invoices, meter readings, load-out 4 documents, inventory records, including work-in-progress, finished 5 goods, and denaturant, and other memoranda requested by the Department of Revenue relevant to the production of ethanol. On an 6 7 annual basis, the ethanol producer shall also be required to 8 furnish the department with copies of the reports filed with the 9 United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, The maintenance of all 10 Firearms and Explosives. of this 11 information in a provable computer format or on microfilm is 12 acceptable in lieu of retention of the original documents. 13 records must be retained for a period of not less than three years 14 after the claim for ethanol credits is filed. 15 (7) (8) For purposes of ascertaining the correctness of 16 any application for claiming a credit provided in this section, the 17 Tax Commissioner (a) may examine or cause to have examined, by any 18 agent or representative designated by him or her for that purpose, 19 any books, papers, records, or memoranda bearing upon such matters, 20 (b) may by summons require the attendance of the person responsible 21 for rendering the application or other document or any officer or 22 employee of such person or the attendance of any other person having knowledge in the premises, and (c) may take testimony and 23 24 require proof material for his or her information, with power to 25 administer oaths or affirmations to such person or persons. The time and place of examination pursuant to this subsection shall be 26 27 such time and place as may be fixed by the Tax Commissioner and as

are reasonable under the circumstances. In the case of a summons,

1 the date fixed for appearance before the Tax Commissioner shall not

- 2 be less than twenty days from the time of service of the summons.
- 3 No taxpayer shall be subjected to unreasonable or unnecessary
- 4 examinations or investigations. All records obtained pursuant to
- 5 this subsection shall be subject to the confidentiality
- 6 requirements and exceptions thereto as provided in section
- 7 77-27,119.

28

this subsection.

8 (8) (9) To qualify for credits under this section, an 9 ethanol producer shall provide public notice for bids before 10 entering into any contract for the construction of a new ethanol 11 facility. Preference shall be given to a bidder residing in 12 Nebraska when awarding any contract for construction of a new 13 ethanol facility if comparable bids are submitted. For purposes of 14 this subsection, bidder residing in Nebraska means any person, 15 partnership, foreign or domestic limited liability 16 association, or corporation authorized to engage in business in the 17 state with employees permanently located in Nebraska. ethanol producer enters into a contract for the construction of a 18 19 new ethanol facility with a bidder who is not a bidder residing in 20 Nebraska, such producer shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of 21 the Department of Revenue in its application for credits Labor that 22 no comparable bid was submitted by a responsible bidder residing in 23 Nebraska. The department shall deny an application for credits if 24 it is determined that the contract was denied to a responsible 25 bidder residing in Nebraska without cause The Department of Revenue shall not provide any credits until the Department of Labor 26 27 provides written confirmation of the producer's compliance with

1

27

28

(9) (10) The pertinent provisions of Chapter 66, article

2 relating to the administration and imposition of motor fuel 3 taxes shall apply to the administration and imposition 4 assessments made by the Department of Revenue relating to excess 5 credits claimed by ethanol producers under the Ethanol Development 6 Act. These provisions include, but are not limited to, issuance of 7 a deficiency following an examination of records, an assessment 8 becoming final after thirty days absent a written protest, 9 presumptions regarding the burden of proof, issuance of deficiency 10 within three years of original filing, issuance of notice by 11 registered or certified mail, issuance of penalties and waiver 12 thereof, issuance of interest and waiver thereof, and issuance of 13 corporate officer or employee or limited liability company manager 14 or member assessments. For purposes of determining interest and 15 penalties, the due date will be considered to be the date on which 16 the credits were used by the licensees to whom the credits were 17 transferred. 18 (11) If a written protest is filed by the ethanol 19 producer with the department within the thirty-day period in 20 subsection (9) of this section, the protest shall: (a) Identify 21 the ethanol producer; (b) identify the proposed assessment which is 22 being protested; (c) set forth each ground under redetermination of the department's position is requested together 23 24 with facts sufficient to acquaint the department with the exact 25 basis thereof; (d) demand the relief to which the ethanol producer considers itself entitled; and (e) request that an evidentiary 26

hearing be held to determine any issues raised by the protest if

the ethanol producer desires such a hearing.

1 (11) (12) For applications received after April 16, 2004,

- 2 and before the effective date of this act, an ethanol facility
- 3 receiving benefits under the Ethanol Development Act shall not be
- 4 eligible for benefits under the Employment and Investment Growth
- 5 Act or the Invest Nebraska Act.
- 6 Sec. 2. Section 66-1344.01, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 7 2004, is amended to read:
- 8 66-1344.01. The Tax Commissioner and the producer
- 9 eligible to receive credits under subsection (2) or (3) of section
- 10 66-1344 shall enter into a written agreement. The producer shall
- 11 agree to produce ethanol at the designated facility and any
- 12 expansion thereof. The Tax Commissioner, on behalf of the State of
- 13 Nebraska, shall agree to furnish the producer the tax credits as
- 14 provided by and limited in section 66-1344 in effect on the date of
- 15 the agreement. The agreement to produce ethanol in return for the
- 16 credits shall be sufficient consideration, and the agreement shall
- 17 be binding upon the state. No credit shall be given to any
- 18 producer of ethanol which fails to produce ethanol in Nebraska in
- 19 compliance with the agreement. The agreement shall include:
- 20 (1) The name of the producer;
- 21 (2) The address location of the ethanol facility;
- 22 (3) The date of the initial eligibility of the ethanol
- 23 facility to receive such credits;
- 24 (4) The name plate design capacity of the ethanol
- 25 facility as of the date of its initial eligibility to receive such
- 26 credits; and
- 27 (5) The name plate design capacity which the facility is
- 28 intended to have after the completion of any proposed expansion.

1 If no expansion is contemplated at the time of the initial

- 2 agreement, the agreement may be amended to include any proposed
- 3 expansion.
- 4 The Tax Commissioner shall not accept any applications
- 5 for new agreements on or after April 16, 2004.
- 6 Sec. 3. Section 66-1345, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 7 2004, is amended to read:
- 8 66-1345. (1) There is hereby created the Ethanol
- 9 Production Incentive Cash Fund which shall be used by the board to
- 10 pay the credits created in section 66-1344 to the extent provided
- 11 in this section. Any money in the fund available for investment
- 12 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the
- 13 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds
- 14 Investment Act. The State Treasurer shall transfer to the Ethanol
- 15 Production Incentive Cash Fund such money as shall be (a)
- 16 appropriated to the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund by the
- 17 Legislature, (b) given as gifts, bequests, grants, or other
- 18 contributions to the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund from
- 19 public or private sources, (c) made available due to failure to
- 20 fulfill conditional requirements pursuant to investment agreements
- 21 entered into prior to April 30, 1992, (d) received as return on
- 22 investment of the Ethanol Authority and Development Cash Fund, (e)
- 23 credited to the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund from the
- 24 excise taxes imposed by section 66-1345.01, and (f) credited to the
- 25 Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund pursuant to sections 66-489,
- 26 66-4,134, 66-726, 66-1345.04, and 66-1519.
- 27 (2) The Department of Revenue shall, at the end of each
- 28 calendar month, notify the State Treasurer of the amount of motor

1 fuel tax that was not collected in the preceding calendar month due

- 2 to the credits provided in section 66-1344. The State Treasurer
- 3 shall transfer from the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund to
- 4 the Highway Trust Fund an amount equal to such credits less the
- 5 following amounts:
- 6 (a) For 1993, 1994, and 1995, the amount generated during
- 7 the calendar quarter by a one-cent tax on motor fuel pursuant to
- 8 sections 66-489 and 66-6,107;
- 9 (b) For 1996, the amount generated during the calendar
- 10 quarter by a three-quarters-cent tax on motor fuel pursuant to such
- 11 sections;
- 12 (c) For 1997, the amount generated during the calendar
- 13 quarter by a one-half-cent tax on motor fuel pursuant to such
- 14 sections; and
- 15 (d) For 1998 and each year thereafter, no reduction.
- 16 For 1993 through 1997, if the amount generated pursuant
- 17 to subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection and the amount
- 18 transferred pursuant to subsection (1) of this section are not
- 19 sufficient to fund the credits provided in section 66-1344, then
- 20 the credits shall be funded through the Ethanol Production
- 21 Incentive Cash Fund but shall not be funded through either the
- 22 Highway Cash Fund or the Highway Trust Fund. For 1998 and each
- 23 year thereafter, the credits provided in such section shall be
- 24 funded through the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund but shall
- 25 not be funded through either the Highway Cash Fund or the Highway
- 26 Trust Fund.
- 27 If, during any month, the amount of money in the Ethanol
- 28 Production Incentive Cash Fund is not sufficient to reimburse the

LB 526 LB 526

1 Highway Trust Fund for credits earned pursuant to section 66-1344,

- 2 the Department of Revenue shall suspend the transfer of credits by
- 3 ethanol producers until such time as additional funds are available
- 4 in the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund for transfer to the
- 5 Highway Trust Fund. Thereafter, the Department of Revenue shall,
- 6 at the end of each month, allow transfer of accumulated credits
- 7 earned by each ethanol producer on a prorated basis derived by
- 8 dividing the amount in the fund by the aggregate amount of
- 9 accumulated credits earned by all ethanol producers.
- 10 (3) The State Treasurer shall transfer from the Ethanol
- 11 Production Incentive Cash Fund to the Management Services Expense
- 12 Revolving Fund the amount reported under subsection (4) of section
- 13 66-1345.02 for each calendar month of the fiscal year as provided
- 14 in such subsection.
- 15 (4) On December 31, 2012 2015, the State Treasurer shall
- 16 transfer one-half of the unexpended and unobligated funds from the
- 17 Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund to the Nebraska Corn
- 18 Development, Utilization, and Marketing Fund and Grain Sorghum
- 19 Development, Utilization, and Marketing Fund in the same proportion
- 20 as funds were collected pursuant to section 66-1345.01 from corn
- 21 and grain sorghum. The Department of Agriculture shall assist the
- 22 State Treasurer in determining the amounts to be transferred to the
- 23 funds. The remaining one-half of the unexpended and unobligated
- 24 funds shall be transferred to the General Fund.
- 25 (5) Whenever the unobligated balance in the Ethanol
- 26 Production Incentive Cash Fund exceeds twenty million dollars, the
- 27 Department of Revenue shall notify the Department of Agriculture at
- 28 which time the Department of Agriculture shall suspend collection

1 of the excise tax levied pursuant to section 66-1345.01. If, after

- 2 suspension of the collection of such excise tax, the balance of the
- 3 fund falls below ten million dollars, the Department of Revenue
- 4 shall notify the Department of Agriculture which shall resume
- 5 collection of the excise tax.
- 6 (6) On or before December 1, 2003, and each December 1
- 7 thereafter, the Department of Revenue and the Nebraska Ethanol
- 8 Board shall jointly submit a report to the Legislature which shall
- 9 project the anticipated revenue and expenditures from the Ethanol
- 10 Production Incentive Cash Fund through the termination of the
- 11 ethanol production incentive programs pursuant to section 66-1344.
- 12 The initial report shall include a projection of the amount of
- 13 ethanol production for which the Department of Revenue has entered
- 14 agreements to provide ethanol production credits pursuant to
- 15 section 66-1344.01 and any additional ethanol production which the
- 16 Department of Revenue and the Nebraska Ethanol Board reasonably
- 17 anticipate may qualify for credits pursuant to section 66-1344.
- 18 Sec. 4. Section 66-1345.01, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 19 2004, is amended to read:
- 20 66-1345.01. An excise tax is levied upon all corn and
- 21 grain sorghum sold through commercial channels in Nebraska or
- 22 delivered in Nebraska. For any sale or delivery of corn or grain
- 23 sorghum occurring on or after July 1, 1995, and before January 1,
- 24 2000, the tax is three-fourths cent per bushel for corn and
- 25 three-fourths cent per hundredweight for grain sorghum. For any
- 26 sale or delivery of corn or grain sorghum occurring on or after
- 27 January 1, 2000, and before January 1, 2001, the tax is one-half
- 28 cent per bushel for corn and one-half cent per hundredweight for

LB 526 LB 526

1 grain sorghum. For any sale or delivery of corn or grain sorghum

- 2 occurring on or after October 1, 2001, and before October 1, 2004,
- 3 the tax is one-half cent per bushel for corn and one-half cent per
- 4 hundredweight for grain sorghum. For any sale or delivery of corn
- 5 or grain sorghum occurring on or after October 1, 2004, and on or
- 6 before October 1, 2010 December 31, 2011, the tax is three-fourths
- 7 cent per bushel for corn and three-fourths cent per hundredweight
- 8 for grain sorghum. For any sale or delivery of corn or grain
- 9 sorghum occurring on or after January 1, 2012, and on or before
- 10 December 31, 2013, the tax is one-half cent per bushel for corn and
- 11 one-half cent per hundredweight for grain sorghum. The tax shall
- 12 be in addition to any fee imposed pursuant to sections 2-3623 and
- 13 2-4012.
- 14 The excise tax shall be imposed at the time of sale or
- 15 delivery and shall be collected by the first purchaser. The tax
- 16 shall be collected, administered, and enforced in conjunction with
- 17 the fees imposed pursuant to sections 2-3623 and 2-4012. The tax
- 18 shall be collected, administered, and enforced by the Department of
- 19 Agriculture. No corn or grain sorghum shall be subject to the tax
- 20 imposed by this section more than once.
- In the case of a pledge or mortgage of corn or grain
- 22 sorghum as security for a loan under the federal price support
- 23 program, the excise tax shall be deducted from the proceeds of such
- 24 loan at the time the loan is made. If, within the life of the loan
- 25 plus thirty days after the collection of the excise tax for corn or
- 26 grain sorghum that is mortgaged as security for a loan under the
- 27 federal price support program, the grower of the corn or grain
- 28 sorghum so mortgaged decides to purchase the corn or grain sorghum

1 and use it as feed, the grower shall be entitled to a refund of the

- 2 excise tax previously paid. The refund shall be payable by the
- 3 department upon the grower's written application for a refund. The
- 4 application shall have attached proof of the tax deducted.
- 5 The excise tax shall be deducted whether the corn or
- 6 grain sorghum is stored in this or any other state. The excise tax
- 7 shall not apply to the sale of corn or grain sorghum to the federal
- 8 government for ultimate use or consumption by the people of the
- 9 United States when the State of Nebraska is prohibited from
- 10 imposing such tax by the Constitution of the United States and laws
- 11 enacted pursuant thereto.
- 12 Sec. 5. Section 66-1519, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 13 2004, is amended to read:
- 14 66-1519. (1) There is hereby created the Petroleum
- 15 Release Remedial Action Cash Fund to be administered by the
- 16 department. Revenue from the following sources shall be remitted
- 17 to the State Treasurer for credit to the fund:
- 18 (a) The fees imposed by sections 66-1520 and 66-1521;
- 19 (b) Money paid under an agreement, stipulation,
- 20 cost-recovery award under section 66-1529.02, or settlement; and
- (c) Money received by the department in the form of
- 22 gifts, grants, reimbursements, property liquidations, or
- 23 appropriations from any source intended to be used for the purposes
- 24 of the fund.
- 25 (2) Money in the fund may be spent for: (a)
- 26 Reimbursement for the costs of remedial action by a responsible
- 27 person or his or her designated representative and costs of
- 28 remedial action undertaken by the department in response to a

release first reported after July 17, 1983, and on or before June 1 2 2009, including reimbursement for damages caused by the 3 department or a person acting at the department's direction while 4 investigating or inspecting or during remedial action on property 5 other than property on which a release or suspected release has 6 occurred; (b) payment of any amount due from a third-party claim; 7 (c) fee collection expenses incurred by the State Fire Marshal; (d) 8 direct expenses incurred by the department in carrying out the 9 Petroleum Release Remedial Action Act; (e) other costs related to 10 fixtures and tangible personal property as provided in section 11 66-1529.01; (f) interest payments as allowed by section 66-1524; 12 (g) expenses incurred by the technical advisory committee created 13 in section 81-15,189 in carrying out its duties pursuant to section 14 81-15,190; (h) claims approved by the State Claims Board authorized under section 66-1531; (i) a grant to a city of the metropolitan 15 16 class in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars, provided 17 within five days after October 1, 2003, to carry out the federal 18 Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, 19 U.S.C. 4851 et seq., as such act existed on October 1, 2003; and 20 (j) methyl tertiary butyl ether testing, to be conducted randomly 21 at terminals within the state for up to two years ending June 30, 22 2003. The amount expended on the testing shall not exceed forty 23 thousand dollars. The testing shall be conducted by the Department 24 Agriculture. The department may enter into contractual 25 arrangements for such purpose. The results of the tests shall be 26 made available to the Department of Environmental Quality.

27 (3) Transfers may be made from the Petroleum Release
28 Remedial Action Cash Fund to the General Fund at the direction of

1 the Legislature. Transfers may be made from the Petroleum Release

- 2 Remedial Action Cash Fund to the Water Policy Task Force Cash Fund
- 3 at the direction of the Legislature. The State Treasurer shall
- 4 transfer one million five hundred thousand dollars from the
- 5 Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund to the Ethanol
- 6 Production Incentive Cash Fund on July 1, 2004. The State
- 7 Treasurer shall transfer five million dollars from the Petroleum
- 8 Release Remedial Action Cash Fund to the Ethanol Production
- 9 Incentive Cash Fund on October 1 of each of the following years:
- 10 2005 through 2011. The State Treasurer shall transfer three
- 11 million dollars from the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash
- 12 Fund to the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund on October 1,
- 13 2012, and October 1, 2013. of each of the following years: 2004
- 14 through 2011.
- 15 (4) Any money in the Petroleum Release Remedial Action
- 16 Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
- 17 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act
- 18 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 19 Sec. 6. Original sections 66-1344, 66-1344.01, 66-1345,
- 20 66-1345.01, and 66-1519, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2004, are
- 21 repealed.